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Greetings!

Happy... spring? The weather is certainly trying! Here at Catholic Charities, though, nothing has slowed us down.

We just wrapped up another successful St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 17. Volunteers were bustling all day Monday, preparing and packaging more than 800 boxed lunches. Despite the cold, Tuesday brought a steady stream of supporters picking up orders and our volunteers didn't hesitate to hit the road for deliveries. We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers and for everyone who purchased a box lunch this year. We were thrilled to see so many local businesses and individuals participate. We hope you enjoyed your lunch, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

As a Tecumseh native and resident, I'd like to extend a special thank-you to one of our newest sponsors, Lev's Bakery. When I reached out to see if we could order cookies for this year's lunches, they gladly said yes but went even further by donating all of the cookies at **no cost**. This generosity truly amazed all of us including our volunteers and supporters. A heartfelt thank-you to Martha and her family. If you stop in this weekend for their German soft pretzels (highly recommended!), be sure to let them know Catholic Charities sent you.

Looking ahead, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We invite you to follow along on our Facebook page, where our children's counselors will be sharing weekly insights and resources. As April approaches, consider placing a pinwheel in your yard as a symbol of support for the more than half a million children affected by abuse each year in the United States. You can learn more through [**Pinwheels for Prevention**](#), which also provides links to purchase pinwheels. For lapel pins and other items to show your support, [**Positive Promotions**](#) is another great resource.

I'll close with a traditional Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Yours in faith and service,
Niki Wilson
Executive Director

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser a Success

Every year, we are amazed at our volunteers who help us weigh meat, make sandwiches, and pack our lunch boxes with the delicious lunches for our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. We simply could not do it without their support!

A special shout out to Dee Schell who - year after year - remains our key to success for this event. Dee is there before anyone else preparing the kitchen and still there after the other volunteers have gone cleaning up and packing items away for next year.

We hope to see YOU there next year!



Above: Our Board President Eric Bauer and Executive Director Niki Wilson dug in to help.



A Lenten Message



A JOURNEY OF SACRIFICE, LOVE, AND REDEMPTION

Recently, our Executive Director Niki Wilson offered a reflection on this holy season of Lent.

Dear Friends,

As we journey through the sacred time of Lent, we are reminded of our call to be of service to the most vulnerable among us. At Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus when serving those in need. Today, we invite you to reflect on the needs within our community and ask you to consider supporting our mission.

During the 40 days of Lent, we are reminded of the biblical significance of the number 40. [READ ON](#)



Children's
TRAUMA
ASSESSMENT
CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

Lenawee CTAC
317 Erie St., Adrian, MI 49221

Please accept this personal invite to come see
one of Lenawee's most valuable resources:
Lenawee Children's Trauma Assessment Center

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

12pm-5pm

What to Expect

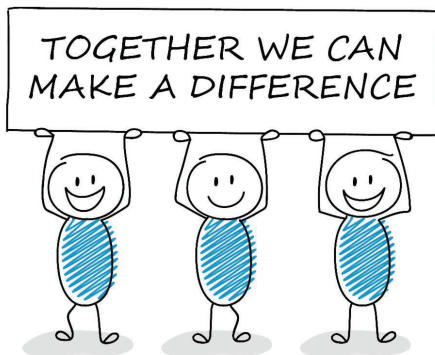
- Tour center
- Meet our clinicians & staff
- Learn about services
- Light refreshments

More Info

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Making A Difference is Easy!

Ever considered a [monthly donation](#)? Maybe starting a [peer-to-peer fundraiser](#) to get your network involved is your thing. How about a [planned gift](#) through your estate? There are so many ways you can make a difference for our community.

Contact our Development staff to find out how you can help. Email Development@CatholicCharitiesJLH.C.org or call [517-260-0718](tel:517-260-0718).

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We are proud to serve the most vulnerable in our community through a variety of children's programming. Our **Child Welfare** department provides loving homes for foster children, often leading to 'forever families' through adoption. Our **Children's Advocacy Center of South Central Michigan** is the front line of protection and defense when a child discloses abuse, and they continue supporting the child throughout their case and well beyond. Our **Children's Trauma Assessment Center** provides comprehensive neuro-developmental assessments which help guide the child's care. And our Counseling program includes highly trained and trauma informed therapists specializing in the tender care of young victims.

Recently, this sweet note was sent to our CAC staff by a caregiver who witnessed their team in action:

"I want to thank you...for your compassion today. You are more than doing a job but are doing ministry as you enter into the broken lives of youth and families. You bring hope into what feels like a hopeless condition. You bring care and compassion into lives filled with guilt and shame. You bring support and encouragement to discouraged families. Hearing all the trauma and tragedy in young lives must carry a heavy emotional weight but you serve each family as if it were your first. You begin the healing process to deep and open emotional wounds".

You can step up to help by **donating** to our work, consider the joy of opening your home to a child in need through **fostering**, and continue to prayer for our clients and staff.



APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH



Join Our Team

Careers

We are always looking for amazing people to join our team. Current openings can be viewed by clicking the Careers button to the right. They are also posted on **Indeed** and **LinkedIn**. Share our listings to help us spread the word!

Looking for Feedback

We would like to hear from you! Send us an email **HERE** and let us know what you enjoy reading about in our newsletters. Is there something you'd like to see but we haven't included yet? What sends you to our website to find our more? Or, what can't you wait to share with your friends? You can include feedback about our other means of engagement (social media, website, email blasts), too. We will take suggestions to heart, but please remember to be kind. :^)

Donate Today

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to see what is happening and to watch for upcoming **volunteer opportunities**. We appreciate your support!



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